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1. The Nestenice Chemical Plant (Nestomitz - N51/F44), formerly called the Solvajovy Zavody, Nestenice, is situated on the left bank of the Labe (Elbe) River and on the railroad between Usti nad Labem (Aussig an der Elbe) and Decin (N51/F56). The plant employs 950 workers and 350 political prisoners. Plant militia consists of 80 men on constant guard. Work is carried on in three shifts seven days a week. Leading plant personnel include:

General manager	Ing. Maly
Technical manager	Dr. Slemr
Assistant technical manager	Ing. Hertig
Production manager	Valek

2. The factory grounds are surrounded by a fence. There are two entrances: one for personnel and motor transport, the other for the railroad siding. The plant has recently expanded, absorbing a nearby sugar factory for use as a warehouse for raw materials. The employees of the sugar factory were dismissed and replaced by political prisoners.
3. The principal products of the plant include chlorate, potash, soda solution, soda for the manufacture of glass, sodium hydroxide and sodium carbonate. The daily production capacity of the plant is about five carloads of potash, two carloads of chlorate, 15 carloads of soda for the manufacture of glass and 10 carloads of sodium carbonate. A white fluid is being manufactured in secret under the guidance of a Soviet chemist. It appears to be an extract made from chalk since the laboratories are near the lime kilns. This liquid is stored in 50-liter stone demijohns and shipped by barge to the Soviet Zone of Germany.
4. Limestone and soda are obtained from Beroun (N50/L57). Both raw materials and finished products are handled at the railroad sidings within the factory grounds. Exports for the Soviet Zone of Germany are loaded into barges by an overhead railway. The factory has its own electric power system run by steam. However, it is old and a new transformer is being built to draw power from the North Bohemian power system. It is believed that the use of this system will considerably increase the production per worker. High pressure steam is also available for certain processes.

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